

CONFIDENTIAL RECORD SHEET  
REGISTRATION SERVICE  
BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

Date 10/17/89

Full name Gerald William Kummer  
(no initials if you can possibly get full name)

Social Security Number Not Known

Address [REDACTED]

City West Allis State Wisconsin ZIP Code 53214

Date of Birth Nov. 11, 1947 (This is important and should be exact.)

Approximate age 41 (To be used ONLY when date of birth is not known.)

Religion Wife is Lutheran Nationality Not known

Occupation Retail Appliance Sales

Education Not known

Weight Approx. 260 Height approx. 6' 4" Race Caucasian

Color of hair Brown (Light) Color of eyes Grey

Outstanding characteristics or interests \_\_\_\_\_

Married or single Separated Children [REDACTED]  
(Number, ages, and names, if possible)

Spouse's name [REDACTED]

Scouting connections:

Unit No.	City	State	Position	Date registered	Suspended Date resigned
T-16	West Allis	WI	SM	3/85	9/6/89

Special recognition \_\_\_\_\_

Suspended or denied registration for following reasons: Charged with Sexual Assault.

SPECIFY THE FACTS WHICH LEAD YOU TO RECOMMEND DENIAL OF REGISTRATION, AND LIST ATTACHED SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS (STATE ONLY KNOWN FACTS, NOT RUMOR, CONJECTURE, OR SPECULATION):

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OCT 25 1989

JOSEPH L. ANGLIM

Signed [Signature]  
SCOUT EXECUTIVE

Council Madison County #629

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June 14, 1990

Mr. James L. Roberts  
Scout Executive  
Milwaukee County Council, No. 629

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: Gerald William Kummer

Dear Jim:

Thank you for the detailed information sent concerning the above Scouter. This case has been reviewed with our attorney and is now on our permanent Ineligible Volunteer File.

Sincerely,

Paul Ernst, Director  
Registration Service

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cc: East Central Region

READY TO FILE  
JUN 14 1990  
ERIN O'RILEY

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MILWAUKEE COUNTY COUNCIL  
BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

May 8, 1990

Mr. Paul Ernst, Director  
Registration Service  
Boy Scouts of America

[REDACTED]  
Irving, Texas 75015-2079

Dear Paul:

In the matter of the suspension of Mr. Gerald Kummer, former Scoutmaster of Troop 16, Milwaukee County Council, please add the following information to his file:

On Monday, May 7, 1990, Judge Crivello sentenced Mr. Kummer to ten years on each of two counts for a total prison term of 20 years.

As you may be aware, at least one youngster is still involved in counseling and another boy is having a rough time according to his Mother.

Please advise if any further information is required from this end.

Sincerely,

*James L. Roberts*  
James L. Roberts  
Scout Executive

JLR:cn

Enclosure - News Article from the "Milwaukee Sentinel"

cc: Debra Duhs, Risk Management  
Allen N. Rieselbach, Counsel  
John R. Sapp, President



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## Ex-scout leader gets 20 years for assault

By DAVID DOEGE  
Sentinel staff writer

A former Boy Scout leader was sentenced Monday to 20 years in prison for sexually assaulting boys in his troop after playing them with liquor.

Gerald William Kummer was sentenced to the maximum term by Circuit Judge Frank T. Crivello.

Crivello told a distraught Kummer he got what he deserved.

"I am pleased with the way you feel, Mr. Kummer," Crivello said. "It's the way you deserve to feel."

"These victims were especially vulnerable because they came to you for help, and you betrayed them."

Kummer, 42, was sentenced on two counts of second-degree sexual assault.

Kummer pleaded guilty to those counts, and two uncharged counts were made a part of the court record for sentencing purposes.

The charges stemmed from incidents that occurred in Milwaukee and Waukesha Counties and came to light after scouting officials became suspicious of Kummer's activities, suspended him and called police.

In a letter to Crivello, one boy recounted a non-scouting trip to La Crosse with Kummer.

"The first thing we did was go to a liquor store and buy enough beer, brandy and wine cooler to get a frat house drunk," the boy wrote. "Then we went to a motel and drank all of it."

The boy said he passed out and woke to find himself in bed with Kummer.

The boy also described how he learned that another boy was sexually abused by Kummer.

"I still remember him crying in front of me, agreeing with me, telling me the same things I went through," the boy recalled.

Kummer once boasted about the good he was accomplishing as a scout leader.

"There is no more worthwhile activity than helping young men grow up and become the best that they can be," Kummer wrote in a 1988 letter to a scout troop committee. "It is what I can do best to serve my fellow man, my country and my God."

"This case is every parent's nightmare," Asst. Dist. Atty. Gale G. Shelton told Crivello.

Kummer, a salesman and father of

By PAULA A. PODA  
Sentinel staff writer

"Hidden black elderly" who live in the Inner City say handicaps and infirmities of age, as well as a lack of transportation, are barriers to using food and nutrition programs, a study has found.

Many older people also are reluctant to leave their homes because of

One in four of the respondents reported having been a victim of crime — which the study called "an extremely high rate."

The survey to identify problems and needs relating to the nutrition of aging blacks in the Inner City was paid for by a federal grant of nearly \$50,000 awarded to the University of Wisconsin — Milwaukee.

University Outreach Center for Adult Development is the project director and the report's senior author.

In prepared comments, Koch said the survey findings suggest "this population will remain hidden, or indeed, be lost, without improvements or adaptations in the community's food and nutrition and other human services."

## Survey examines 'hidden black elderly'

two who played the saxophone and clarinet, lost his job and home after he was charged, said his attorney, Charles W. Jones.

Kummer spoke before he was sentenced, apologizing to his family and the victims' families.

"It's very difficult for me to admit, even to myself, that I've done wrong, but I know I've done wrong," he said. "There just aren't any words to express how I feel."

"I loved these kids. I hate myself for hurting them."

Crivello told Kummer that he had to be dealt with more sternly than most because he violated a position of trust in an important organization.

"There are so many negative things that are happening to the youth of our country today," Crivello said.

those interviewed was \$5,237 to \$5,504 — below the figure of \$5,770 set by the US government as the 1988 poverty level for families of one.

Many, if not most, were born between 1910 and 1925, and are likely to have been born in Southern states.

"They are people who worked all

Not exactly the backgrou scholar.

Leair, 18, lives in West Allis; until she was 13, she and her mother and brother lived in Eagle in Waukesha County. Her parents were divorced.

"We were on welfare and food stamps and all of that," she said.

She was speaking softly about herself lower-level lounge at Kravitt School, a small alternative school by Milwaukee Psychiatric Hospital in Wauwatosa.

In memory of a late king, Elvis displayed an Elvis poster, an Elvis banner, even an Elvis tear reproduced on a basement wall. Elvis productions are the responsibility of Principal Mark Blazik, who entered the idea that he is fond late twisted hipster.

"I came from the same kind background that Corrina does," Blazik said. "I came from West Allis, a broken home... introverted."

So when Blazik, 38, looked at Leair, he saw himself. And he helped her, as he had been helped.

In April 1989, when Leair dropped out of school in West Allis, "I know what I was going to do," said. "I was scared."

And crying.

Her brother, John, 17, had helped by attending Kravitt, and her mother, Sherry Krenz, and her father, Robert, both helped.



April 11, 1990

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JULIE FIELDER

Mr. James L. Roberts  
Scout Executive  
Milwaukee County Council, No. 629

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: GERALD WILLIAM KUMMER

Dear Jim:

This is just a follow up concerning the legal action. Has Mr. Kummer now been through the legal system? If this has been completed we would like the outcome and any sentencing which may have been imposed.

Thanks for your help in completing this file.

Sincerely,

Paul Ernst, Director  
Registration Service

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cc: East Central Region

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READY FOR FILE

NOV 01 1989

A. GRAVES

November 1, 1989

Mr. James L. Roberts  
Scout Executive  
Milwaukee County Council, No. 629

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: Gerald William Kummer

Dear Jim:

Thanks so much for the very complete file on the above named individual. This will be most helpful to us, as we prevent his registration in the future in any location.

We would like to be kept informed as the legal action takes place. The only thing we need is the final outcome of that action.

Thanks again for your help in protecting the youth of America.

Sincerely,

Paul Ernst, Director  
Registration Service

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cc: East Central Region

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# MILWAUKEE COUNTY COUNCIL BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

October 17, 1989

Mr. Paul Ernst, Director  
Registration and Fulfillment  
Boy Scouts of America

[REDACTED]  
Irving, Texas 75015-2079

Dear Paul:

Attached you will find information related to the ongoing legal proceedings against former Scoutmaster Gerald William Kummer of our Council.

He is presently charged with at least two cases of second degree sexual assault against boys in his Troop. Other charges are pending in a total of four Wisconsin Counties. He is in jail in lieu of a \$100,000 cash bond.

At least two youth are presently undergoing counseling. One of them on an in-patient basis for severe depression.

I will keep you posted of any further developments.

Sincerely,

*James L. Roberts*

✓ James L. Roberts  
Scout Executive

cc: Debra Duhs, Risk Management  
Gene Cruse  
Wally McGill



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[REDACTED] Milwaukee, WI 53214-1468 [REDACTED]

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# MILWAUKEE COUNTY COUNCIL BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

September 6, 1989

Mr. Gerald Kummer

West Allis, Wisconsin 53214

Dear Mr. Kummer:

After careful review, we have decided that your registration with the Boy Scouts of America should be suspended. We are, therefore, compelled to request that you sever any relations that you may have with the Boy Scouts of America. A refund of your registration fee is enclosed (\$4.20).

You should understand that BSA membership registration is a privilege and is not automatically granted to everyone who applies. We reserve the right to suspend registration whenever there is a concern that an individual may not meet the high standards of membership which the BSA seeks to provide for American youth.

If you wish to have this decision reviewed by a council review committee, please write to me, explaining your version of the facts supporting your claim that your registration as a BSA member should be reinstated.

Sincerely yours,

George G. Brooks  
President

GGB:cn

cc: James L. Roberts, Scout Executive ✓



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JAMES L. ROBERTS

## SUMMARY OF NOTES TAKEN DURING THE GERALD KUMMER AFFAIR

PREPARED ON SEPTEMBER 10, 1989 - CONFIDENTIALBACKGROUND PERIOD - Fall, 1988 to Summer, 1989

██████████ attendance at Woodbadge, 1988. Dave Loosen served as his coach-counselor. Apparently ██████████ had shared some concerns with Dave and Mike Rick (perhaps others) about the way Troop 16 was operated, and the continual argumentiveness and contentiousness of Troop Committee Meetings. At that time, his concerns appeared to be primarily with the following of Boy Scout Health and Safety Policy and basic guidelines.

██████████ and his wife's meeting with Dave Loosen and Jim Roberts. In the Fall of 1988, they requested a meeting (at the service center) to discuss an upcoming Troop Canoe trip, and an argument they had had with the Scoutmaster and the Troop committee over taking a canoe trip without complying with the BSA Safe-Swim Defense and Safety Afloat policy requirements. We agreed that they must follow those policies, or the council would not issue a Tour Permit. We gave copies of both policies for use with Troop leaders. This meeting brought my first awareness of ██████████ concern that Gerald Kummer was manipulating the Troop Committee and many BSA operational standards to, in ██████████ opinion, "get his own way".

Period until Summer of 1989. I had no further contact with any people from Troop 16, other than an occasional greeting at the service center or a meeting. I have since learned that ██████████ occasionally shared some ongoing concerns about Gerry's style and operation with Dave Loosen. (No specific complaints, just concern.

Visit of Gerald Kummer's estranged wife's Pastor. The Pastor has been deeply involved with counseling ██████████ during the break-up of the Kummer marriage. Pastor came in to see me, I believe at Sherry's request, but also out of personal concern. ██████████ believes that Jerry is violating many of the Scouting rules related to one-on-one relationship between leaders and youth and two deep adult leadership when in any contact with youth. She had heard some things, as well as observed. I asked if there was accusations of sexual abuse. The answer was she didn't think that Gerry had done anything wrong, but that she was concerned that, because of the rule violations, he was in a position to do so. Pastor specifically said that she hoped something could be done to educate both Gerry and the Troop committee, so no more such opportunities could occur. I was specifically informed that she did not want her name attached to the concern, and the Pastor reminded me of the confidentiality of a Pastor's relationship with a counselee. Their hope was that we could, through education, and observation, get control of a situation that was then believed to be benign. I have since learned that ██████████ had, in approximately the same time period shared her concerns with ██████████ and his wife. Gerry Kummer has also since told me that he and ██████████ have discussed her concerns in this area. It should also be noted here that Jack Weintraub (in his role as staff advisor to the Lutheran Scouting Committee) has discussed this matter more than once with the



Pastor. Dave Loosen was specifically asked to set up a full meeting of the Troop Committee for the purpose of Training and establishing behavioral parameters for the Scoutmaster of Troop 16. Dave called Dan Prindeville, Chairman of the T 16 Committee and arranged that meeting for September 13, 1989.

August 20, 1989 - Dave Loosen's call to me. Dave called me at home to tell me that [REDACTED] had called him to complain formally about Gerald Kummer's continual violations of all the BSA child protection policies and procedures. He was concerned that Gerry could be abusing kids. He didn't think he had, but he listed so many possible chances to do so, so many questionable behaviors, so many style and trait characteristics that were classic examples given in the BSA training on handling pedophiles that he did not think we could take a chance any longer, he wanted something done about it. I decided to wait until Monday morning to call [REDACTED], because I had a meeting set for breakfast Monday with Council President George Brooks, and Attorney John Sapp. I reviewed the situation with them, and proceeded on the agreed upon strategy.

August 21, 1989. [REDACTED] had called in to talk to me before I got in. I returned his call at his office. He told me the same story he had shared with Dave. He added many unusual incidents and behaviors by Kummer relating to boys and Troop Operations. Some of these incidents went back four years or so. Some occurred before Kummer received our BSA Child Protection Training, and many have occurred since. I do not recall which are which in every case. Incidents included having boys sleeping in the same tent (several boys and one leader-Kummer); having a boy who forgot his sleeping bag on a trip share Kummer's large double bag; Keeping a boy out alone in Kummer's car after 11:00 p.m. after a Troop meeting, when he was supposed to be taking the boys home; having a boy come over to his house one on one and stay overnight; taking a trip to the Wisconsin Dells with a small group of boys, without full Troop Committee approval, and without a second adult leader. [REDACTED] insisted that he wanted us to do something about this. I specifically asked if there had been any boy or parent complaints about Kummer's behavior, or possible abuse. [REDACTED] said there had not, but that there were several other concerned adults, most of which "did not want to get involved" and who Gerry had either driven into the background, or maneuvered his way around them. [REDACTED] said that he had called Dan Prindeville, the Troop Committee Chairman, to ask him to do something about the problem on Saturday, 8/19/89 and that Dan had put him off, and implied that [REDACTED] was over-reacting, and into a personal "thing" with Gerry. Thus, in frustration, the Sunday call to Dave Loosen, and the Monday morning call to me. I asked [REDACTED] what he thought needed to be done. He clearly indicated that he felt Gerry needed to be separated from, or put on notice, or enter into an agreement with Troop that he would get counseling, or something. I told him that, because there was no specific complaint of child abuse that I doubted that the authorities would act, but that I agreed that there were numerous clear violations of BSA policy and practice. [REDACTED] offered to meet with Dan or Dan and Gerry to work out some strategy. I said for now, I was going to attempt to work with and through the Troop Committee Chairman and the



Committee to resolve this. He reminded me that Dan always sided with Gerry. I told him that I would get a hold of Dan, and then let him [REDACTED] know what was going to happen, thereafter.

I then called Dan Prindeville. Dan came to the service center at 3:30 p.m. I informed him of all the charges. Dan agreed that some of the rule violations had probably happened, but that he was convinced that [REDACTED] was in a very unhealthy competition with Gerry, and that the two ([REDACTED] and Gerry) and once been best of friends, but were now at each other all the time. He further told me that at least a part of the problem was the fact that both the [REDACTED] family and the Kummer family were under great stress and had both had separations, etc. He mentioned that after counseling the [REDACTED] were now in a reconciliation period, but it looked to him like the Kummer's marriage was over, and with much tension. I bluntly informed him that [REDACTED] had demanded, and that I was required to take some form of action. I also said that I was not an investigator, but that I still didn't have a handle on what the level of problem we had here. Dan believes that the boys truly liked Gerry (it is a 67 boy Troop), and that he, as one very involved father was ready to stand by Kummer. I said that we needed to meet with Kummer, but was getting ready to leave town for the National BSA Top Hands in Orlando. Dan wanted to do the meeting now, and called Gerry at work. Gerry came right over. (Note: Because Dave Loosen was out of town, Jack Weintraub was asked to sit in on both meetings. He stayed involved for all but the last 20 minutes or so of the Kummer meeting, then departed for a meeting of his own.)

The meeting with Gerald Kummer went as if it <sup>had</sup> been orchestrated. Upon receiving Prindeville's call at work, Kummer's first question (according to Dan) was "has there been a boy complaint?" The response was no, its [REDACTED]. As I think back, it is obvious to me now that this was the cue to set the tone for the meeting. I confronted Kummer in a very blunt almost officious manner with all of the charges I then new about. I told him straight-up that he was either messing with children or very naive or just plain stupid or combination of some or all. He admitted to being stupid. For a lengthy period, he gave calm and detailed responses to every charge. In each case, they had a logical explanation and a detailed run-down of what had or had not happened. He denied emphatically ever touching a boy in any improper manner. He openly admitted numerous violations of BSA policy, and also clearly acknowledged that he had attended the BSA child protection training, and had read all of the related material. He says that they are recommendations, not rules, and that situations demand variance. I brought up the earlier canoe trip discussion, and he felt that the requirement for a lifeguard on a trip with a current certificate was also a recommendation, and besides most of the leaders were good swimmers. I went into a long and careful explanation of what I could and could not do in this situation. If I had a boy or parent complaint I was instantly obligated to suspend him from further contact with Scouting and report the incident to the Department of Social Service. I also explained that we were not allowed to be investigators, and that as soon as I believed that something was amiss, I was required to act, and the authorities did the investigation. If nothing was found, then the suspended



party could appeal his suspension to a committee appointed by the council President, and after review, be reinstated. Dan felt that we were not near that stage. I asked what we could do at this juncture. A discussion surfaced the strategy of turning the already established September 13, 1989 Troop Committee meeting into a much more specific situation, and use it as a forum to get to the bottom of the situation. I agreed. Dan Prindeville agreed that we should attempt to meet with Mr. & Mrs. [REDACTED] to get their side of the story, and to see if they would agree to the Troop Committee Strategy, and/or a meeting with Gerald Kummer. Because of my trip to Orlando, this meeting was set for the following week.

August 29, 1989, 7:00 p.m. Meeting at the service center with Dan Prindeville, [REDACTED], Dave Loosen and Jim Roberts. At this meeting [REDACTED] expressed grave (and angry concern) that Dan and I were not taking this seriously, and that some how we would "cover it up." Dave and I tried to insure him that this was not the case, and that we were just trying to be sure that the proper thing be done, absent a formal parent complaint. ([REDACTED] have a son in the Troop, and a second son as an Assistant Scoutmaster, but never indicated any personal involvement with any of the charges.) We talked at great length. Many more charges were brought up, and [REDACTED] repeated that his stories could be verified by talking with James Coffey and Arthur Fletcher. I reminded [REDACTED] that I felt obligated to work with and through the Committee Chairman, and in that they were a "Friends of Scouting" charter, I could not work with the Chartered Organization. I tried to lay out the strategy for a Troop Meeting. [REDACTED] believe that the good people have gone silent and inactive under Gerry's maneuvering and pressure, and that the Troop Committee would be a rubber stamp of what ever Gerry wanted. [REDACTED] then raised the issue of Jerry's refusal to allow women to be on trips, etc. She said that her son said he doesn't want female leadership around "because we want to burp and fart and swear when we want to". [REDACTED] objects to that kind of language with kids. (Personal note: by now, I am convinced that this Scoutmaster needs to go, but how to do it under the circumstances, without destroying a 67 boy Troop that has been one of the Council's best for nearly 50 years.) [REDACTED] agreed, under some pressure from me, to go along with the Committee meeting strategy.

Late in the week around 9/1/90. Dan Prindeville called and indicated that he and Gerry have talked many times, and that he has decided that too many people who don't know anything about the current mess will be at the Troop Committee meeting, and that he no longer wanted to have the meeting as an open forum. Could we take [REDACTED] up on his offer to meet with Gerry and try to resolve this. I have grave misgivings about a confrontation between these people, and also wonder if this isn't a "cover-up maneuver" in keeping with Gerry's previous behavior. I decide to go through with it, and ask Loosen to contact the [REDACTED] and set it up for Tuesday, September 5, 1989.

September 5, 1989, 7:00 a.m. This meeting looks, on the surface to be a total bust. But from my perspective it was an important link in my training that causes me to be 100% secure in



my decision to suspend and report Mr. Kummer. The meeting was very confrontational, I think because the [redacted] have had it (and I don't really blame them). I tried to start the meeting by detailing the role and authority of the Troop Committee, and why I felt up to this point that we should still try to go that route. Mr. and Mrs. [redacted] got very angry, and made all sorts of accusations against me and Prindiville for trying to conduct a another typical Kummer cover up. I objected very strongly, and tried to reiterate that I was totally neutral, and only trying to protect kids individually and collectively, and to be sure that we had a situation that was more than a highly emotional dispute between two parties. [redacted] backed off a little bit, and then started to list a significant number of even more specific and more damaging charges against Gerry than he had before. He said that he had discussed this situation with many others, and had just discovered, and or recalled these. [redacted] also said that if it took a parent complaint to get me (Roberts) to do something, then they were complaining as the parents of a 12 year old boy in the Troop and while their son had not been in on any of the charges of misconduct with kids, he was a victim of this Scoutmasters refusal to follow BSA policy, and, in that they didn't think the Troop Committee would do anything, they demanded that I should. At this point, Kummer, in effect said, O.K. you've been after this all along [redacted], you win, I quit. I said, Gerry, frankly I think this meeting is over, because, I now am obligated to request that our Council President suspend you. Kummer said you don't have to suspend me I am out of it. (Personal note: To me this was the last straw in arriving at the conclusion that something was really amiss in Kummer's contact with kids. He was so well rehearsed, and even melo-dramatic, that I really think he might be trying to cover up, and get out of getting caught with his hand in the cookie jar.) I said, Gerry, I must suspend you, and also report this to the authorities. I will work on that tomorrow, and you will hear from me. He then asked [redacted] if they couldn't work out some sort of a deal whereby he would get completely out of everybody's lives, and [redacted] would withdraw there complaint, and I would not report. He kept saying that this would prevent the boy's from getting hurt. (Personal note: I became further convinced that this was a possible defensive ploy.) I then said that the meeting was over, and there was no sense talking any more. Dan Prindiville had said nothing all evening. I think he was a little "shell-shocked". As we were leaving, I asked Dave Loosen to contact Dan and agree on how we were going to handle the 9/13/89 Troop Committee Meeting now. I left the building immediately with the [redacted] and we both drove away, while Dan Gerry and Dave stayed in the building.

September 6, 1989. Dan Prindiville called me, for a brief review of what had transpired after I left the night before. Nothing really new, I tried to focus him on stepping forward and taking charge, for the sake of the Troop's future. I then called Pete Barbernitz at EDR and Paul Ernst at the national registration service office (BSA) to tell them about the situation, and to tell them that I was going to request Mr. Brooks to suspend. They concurred. I then called Mr. Brooks and explained the latest cracters, and he agreed to suspend. While my secretary prepared the letter, I called Mr. Parson's at the



Child Abuse Report Line Number, and filed my report. I assured myself that the report had been set up on the computer, and tried to get Mr. Parson's to understand our rules, suspension process and to get him to take Mr. [REDACTED] concerns seriously. He felt, based on what I said, that no state law had been violated, and that he would do nothing about it. I asked what if anything I could do now. He said he wanted to call Mr. [REDACTED] and discuss it with him to be sure he had the story straight. I later learned that Parson's told [REDACTED] that no law had been violated, but that he ([REDACTED]) could report the situation to the West Allis police if he wanted to, and they could investigate it. He also told [REDACTED] that he would review the matter with his supervisor. [REDACTED] called me, and asked me to report it to the police, and I said that I had already reported it, and had suspended Mr. Kummer based on the numerous violations of BSA policy that had been admitted to me personally. I still did not have any complaints of violation of state law. If he wanted to go to the police, I would cooperate 100%, and at the next opportunity I would review my belief that I had acted appropriately visa vis the State Reporting Law. [REDACTED] told me that he had also received a late night call from [REDACTED] (now an 18 year old ASM). [REDACTED] talked for an hour and led [REDACTED] to believe that Gerry had possibly abused him when he was little, and had definitely had alcohol with boys on trips.

September 8, 1989. In the evening I received a call from the juvenile officer at the West Allis Police Department. He had received a phone complaint from Mr. & Mrs. [REDACTED] on the matter, and apparently was told by them to call me. I answered his questions as best I could without having my notes. After about 15 minutes reviewing the above, he had to leave because the [REDACTED] had just come in to the station to see him. He also volunteered that he was familiar with our BSA policy (he had been a Webelos Leader, and he had worked with our Boy Scout Training Chairman, Attorney Mike Rick in developing the State Trial Lawyers booklet on child protection for non-profit agencies that I had also helped Mike with.) He also volunteered that Mr. and Mrs. [REDACTED] (parents of [REDACTED]) were coming in later that evening. He said that he would investigate all boys names he had, be in to interview Loosen, Weintraub and me, and also would interview Kummer. The officer chastised me mildly, for not calling the police first. He felt I should have, instead of calling DSS. He did agree that I had followed the law, however. (Personal Note: When I contacted the supervisor of Child Abuse Reporting section at DSS for Milwaukee County in 1988 to set up my procedures, I was told that my best contact was with them, not the police, or the DA. Also, in my only other experience, which was in Forrest County, when we contacted the DSS, the Social Worker contacted the Sheriff and the D.A., and coordinated the entire relationship between all parties. Because of my concern over reporting, I contacted Mike Rick on Saturday, September 9, 1989 to review what I had done. Mike said either way is O.K. Most police believe they should be first, and most Social Workers do too. I have decided that, from now on in Milwaukee County, I am going to do both!!)





On August 19th, [REDACTED] called my home. My wife took the call since I was out. [REDACTED] asked that I return the call as soon as possible. My wife explained that that would probably be Sunday.

I did call [REDACTED] on Sunday, August 20. In our conversation [REDACTED] expressed concern over the actions of Jerry Kummer, Scoutmaster of Troop 16. [REDACTED] explained that recently his son, [REDACTED], and another Scout had traveled to Virginia to visit the National Jamboree. At a motel that stayed at one night the room they had only had two beds. Jerry chose to sleep in the same bed with the Scout he brought along. As [REDACTED] explained, his son is a bed wetter and the other boy didn't want to stay in the same bed with him. [REDACTED] told Jerry he thought it was a bad idea for him to sleep in the same bed with the other Scout. Jerry supposedly laughed and said, "What's the problem? I'm not going to have him sleep on the floor when he paid as much as I did."

[REDACTED] expressed his frustration over this final incident. He explained both he and his wife were considering resigning because he felt sooner or later this was going to result in a major incident.

[REDACTED] reviewed the poor judgement used by Jerry in either ignoring or bending National BSA policies in regard to safe swim defense, safety afloat, and child protection.

[REDACTED] continued with other stories. One was about how Jerry had recently taken several Scouts to Wisconsin Dells. When asked about it he supposedly responded, "What's your hang-up, it wasn't a Scouting function."

[REDACTED] also explained his frustration in making contact with the troop committee chairman, and his lack of obvious concern over the matter.

[REDACTED] said he felt more than once when he tried to bring up concerns that Jerry would always have a ready explanation that the rest of the committee would accept. [REDACTED] did mention a couple of people who had left the committee, though, because they didn't feel comfortable with some of Jerry's actions.

[REDACTED] said he didn't think Jerry had sexually abused any Scout yet, but that he felt very uncomfortable with Jerry's poor judgement and that he could be heading for a problem.

I told [REDACTED] I had talked to the committee chairman and had made arrangements to go to the September committee meeting to share a video on child protection, "A Time to Tell", geared to Scout age boys and to address policy questions.

NOTE: This was a result of comments made by Pastor Meier after talking in confidence to Jerry's wife. Again, there was no suspicion of anything having happened yet, but a pattern was developing which Jerry's wife felt uncomfortable about. Jerry and his wife were separated at this time. She had gone through Scout leader training and after seeing the video tapes on child protection, she felt Jerry was opening himself up for trouble. Pastor Meier felt the idea of the committee training was the best approach.



I told [REDACTED] I heard more than enough and would call Jim Roberts and share the information with him. I told [REDACTED] that Jim might call him to review our conversation and explained that one of the possible results would be the suspension of his membership with the BSA.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 20

I reached Jim Roberts and shared [REDACTED] conversation with me. Jim responded he wanted to talk to the committee chairman to get additional information. I explained I was on vacation the coming week and knew he was leaving for a conference on Wednesday. I didn't think the matter would wait until we were both back.

MONDAY, AUGUST 21 A.M.

I stopped in the Scout office briefly. Jim Roberts explained he had met with George Brooks, Council President, and John Sapp. A suspicion was likely, but Jim said he had yet to talk to the troop committee chairman. I was asked to call [REDACTED] and ask him to put in writing the incidents he felt uncomfortable about.

MONDAY, AUGUST 21 P.M.

I called [REDACTED] from Argyle, Wisconsin. I told him of my conversation with Jim Roberts, and asked that he put in writing the circumstances and details of the various occasions that he felt Jerry had used poor judgement. At that point, I told him of the possible suspension. [REDACTED] said nothing had happened as of yet since Jerry had met with the troop that night. I ended our conversation by thanking him for coming forward with the information.

MONDAY, AUGUST 28

I talked to Jack Weintraub who I found out had been in a meeting with Dan Prindeville, committee chairman of Troop 16, Jerry Kummer, and Jim Roberts.

Prior to Jerry coming in, a meeting had taken place with Dan. After the meeting, Dan called Jerry, who came to the Scout office at once. Jack said Jim Roberts came across very strong with Jerry by opening with a remark that he was either playing around with Scouts or he was the dumbest Scoutmaster in the world. Jerry apparently didn't get upset, but admitted that he had been stupid in his actions. He explained each of the incidents [REDACTED] had related in logical terms. He agreed that his actions could be misinterpreted.

He expressed his anger at [REDACTED] over the matter. Both Dan and Jerry explained there was a power struggle going on partly due to Jerry saying he wouldn't allow a woman to go camping with the troop and stay in the same camp site. [REDACTED] wife had expressed the desire to go camping with the troop.

Dan and Jerry felt this could be the reason for [REDACTED] coming forward.

Later, Jim Roberts gave a similar explanation of the meeting that had taken place. Jim said that Jerry had even added some other situations that [REDACTED] hadn't shared that he said could have been misinterpreted. He again gave explanations for these incidents.

Jerry also was well aware that his wife had talked to Pastor Meier and that he had shared that conversation with Jim Roberts.



Jerry was told that he couldn't separate troop time and personal time with boys from the troop.

Jerry again admitted poor judgement and promised on end to it.

I was informed a meeting had been arranged with [REDACTED] and his wife, [REDACTED], for this evening. Jim asked if I could attend. The purpose was to see if [REDACTED] and his wife would be satisfied with the results of the meeting held with Jerry.

The meeting was a result of a request by the troop committee chairman. He felt a confrontation at a troop committee meeting could result in nothing good.

MONDAY, AUGUST 28 7:00 PM

Jim Roberts reviewed the meeting with Jerry with [REDACTED].

Jim explained that Jerry had explanations for all the incidents. For instance, sleeping in the same bed with the Scout while on the way to the Jamboree was the result of the boy not wanting to sleep with [REDACTED] son because of his bed wetting. He had said since he had shared the cost of the room he shouldn't have to sleep on the floor and, after all, they were all in the same room.

Another incident involved having a Scout out late at night alone. Jerry had explained this was the result of the boy's mother having called him to get her son out of their house because she was afraid the boy's father was going to beat him.

[REDACTED] responded that that was Jerry's style to always have an answer and that everyone would just fall for it. [REDACTED] didn't buy it. Both he and his wife said they weren't accusing Jerry of being a pedophile but that his actions were leading him towards trouble.

[REDACTED] told of the committee being manipulated by Jerry. She told of his comment regarding the fact that he didn't want women on campouts in the campsite. She said Jerry explained this by saying with women in the site they couldn't "fart, burp and swear."

Jim and I both explained that women attending any campout was a committee decision, not a Scoutmaster decision. A committee has the right, though, to say yes or no.

Jim Roberts expressed his frustration over the matter. He said no parent or child had come forward with a complaint and since they wouldn't put anything in writing by advice of the council attorney there was nothing he could do.

Jim again told of Jerry admitting his poor judgement and that he would stop it. [REDACTED] wasn't convinced.

The meeting drew to an end with the agreement that the entire committee needed to be aware of some of the rules and policies of the BSA and that the previously planned training meeting of the committee take place. Jim agreed he would clear his calendar and that both of us would attend and some of the incidents be brought forward as examples of poor judgement.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 29

Jim Roberts shared that he had talked to Dan Prindeville and he didn't feel comfortable with addressing the problem at a committee meeting. He felt the result could be the destruction of the committee and troop.

A meeting of [REDACTED] Dan, Jerry, Jim and I was agreed to as a way to perhaps avoid a verbal explosion at the committee meeting.

The meeting was set for Tuesday, September 5. I was to call [REDACTED] to see if he and his wife could attend.

I reached [REDACTED] and explained that Dan felt it better to air some things out in a small group rather than with the entire committee. [REDACTED] felt things would be twisted to make he and his wife the bad ones but agreed to the meeting. We also arranged to review his Wood Badge ticket Friday morning.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 30

Dan called to confirm the meeting and expressed reservations. I told him I felt [REDACTED] had brought this whole matter up over genuine concern, not over any power play and to stay positive and remain open when attending the meeting.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

[REDACTED] expressed concern over the upcoming meeting. He felt the entire committee needed to be aware of what was going on. He asked me how I would feel if I was a committee member and wasn't aware of any of this. I told him I would be angry and would probably pull my son out immediately.

The purpose as I saw it, I told him, was to talk this over with the main parties to avoid a major flare-up. I had no way of knowing what the outcome might be.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5 - SERVICE CENTER - 7:00PM

After all parties had arrived; Jim Roberts, myself, [REDACTED], Dan Prindeville, and Jerry Kummer; Jim Roberts opened the conversation with an overview of the reason for being there. He stated he felt uncomfortable in this small group feeling that normally this would be handled in a full committee meeting settling, but that Dan had requested that smaller group first.

[REDACTED] broke into Jim's comments with "Who's running this meeting anyway". Jim responded, "You can if you want to". [REDACTED] then went on the attack relating various situations which involved Jerry. Roger emphasized they were not accusing Jerry of sexual abuse, but were accusing him of suspected sexual abuse. [REDACTED] told Jerry they felt he was sick and needed help. The [REDACTED] said that if he had done something to a boy they hoped he would serve time, and if he hadn't, his actions were leading in that direction.



Specific incidents included:

1. Kissing one of the Scouts as he boarded a bus to go to the National Jamboree. Jerry denied.
2. A troop outing at a health club last October in which two Scouts were swimming nude and Jerry did nothing to stop it. Secondly, he went naked into a steam bath with several boys.
3. Jerry sleeping in a double sleeping bag with a Scout since the boy had forgotten his sleeping bag.

These were incidents which had not come up before.

██████ told Jim Roberts he was disappointed that no action had taken place to date, and that names he had mentioned before hadn't been checked.

Jim explained his role was not as an investigator. As he told ██████, no parents or boys had made a complaint and that they had refused to put anything in writing. ██████ responded, "Aren't we parents?"

At that point, Jim told the group his responsibility was now set. He would contact the office of social services and suspend Jerry's membership.

Jim then explained in detail the process of reporting and that Jerry could apply for reinstatement and what was involved.

Jerry, prior to this, had indicated his willingness to resign. From the point the suspension issue came up, Jerry started to plead with ██████ to drop their complaint so the office of social services would not need to be contacted. He used as reasoning that he had already resigned and would be out of the picture and that an investigation would only hurt the boys.

This line of discussion continued for at least a half an hour. Additional charges were brought up by ██████ and they questioned Jerry as to why he hadn't stopped putting himself into questionable situations after having promised to do so to them at an earlier time.

Dan's only comment was that he felt a power struggle had been going on for some time and that ██████ had finally won.

██████ said that and his wife's being able to camp with the troop were not the reason for the charges. He again emphasized he felt Jerry needed help.

The meeting finally concluded about 8:30PM.

Meeting notes on T16:

June (Date not recorded) -

I was visited by Rev. William Meier (Greenfield Park Lutheran Church) in my office. He said he had been informed about a possible molestation situation involving an adult in a local Boy Scout Troop. Because of his pastor/counselor relationship to the person who told him of the situation, no names or Troop number were revealed to me.

After a brief discussion of the BSA's method of handling such cases I suggested he talk with the Scout Executive for additional guidance and to share any facts as he might want to. I understood Rev. Meier and the Scout Executive met soon afterwards.

August 21, 1989 -

I attended a meeting with the Troop Committee Chairman and Scout Executive at the Service Center. We were later joined by the Scoutmaster of Troop 16.

During the earlier meeting the Troop Chairman shared with us the background of the allegations made against the Scoutmaster by a member of the Troop Committee. In addition to not mentioning the name of the Scoutmaster, the Troop Chairman stated that the Scoutmaster had been a member of the Troop Committee for several years and was a member of the Troop Committee.



activities with individual Scouts from the Troop were mentioned. These included keeping a Scout very late after Troop meetings, sleeping arrangements in a motel while on a trip, having a Scout stay overnight at his house and the use of one sleeping bag for both the Scoutmaster and a Scout while on a weekend event.

The chairman mentioned the concerns of a few of the committee particularly a Mr + Mrs. [REDACTED] and the very competitive relationship between Mr. [REDACTED] and the Scoutmaster. As I understood the chairman's comments the committee has taken no formal action on the mentioned concerns but has reviewed some of the allegations with the Scoutmaster.

Following additional discussion it was agreed that the Scoutmaster should be called to the meeting. He arrived around 5:00 PM.

During a questioning period by the Scout Executive, when most of the allegations were reviewed, the Scoutmaster repeatedly denied any wrong doing at any of the Troop meetings or overnights or at his home. He did agree that he had left himself open to question at times on how he dealt with certain Scout members at his Troop. He said that some of the Scout came from less than ideal homes.

situations and they needed special attention and counseling. He could see nothing wrong with what he had done.

At 5:30 PM I excused myself to attend a previously scheduled meeting at the Service Center.

Since August 21-

I've talked with Rev. Meier on two different occasions to update him, as much as possible, on the results of the various meetings and what action has been taken. The last contact was on September 6.

Jack Weintraub  
Development Director  
9/8/80



9/21/89

TO: COUNCIL EXECUTIVE STAFF

FROM: JIM ROBERTS

FOR YOUR INFORMATION!

THE ATTACHED LETTER WAS  
SENT TO ALL INDIVIDUALS  
CONNECTED WITH TROOP 14.

WHILE THIS IS DELICATE,  
I THOUGHT YOU SHOULD  
KNOW. PLEASE REFER  
ALL CONVERSATION TO  
EV, NORM, DAVE OR ME.



Jim

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# MILWAUKEE COUNTY COUNCIL BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

September 21, 1989

TO: Executive Committee and West District Key 3

FROM: Jim Roberts, Scout Executive

For Your Information! I have attached copies of a mailing and news article related to the Troop 16 situation.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to call our key staff or George Brooks.

JLR:cn  
Enclosures



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The next meeting of Troop 16 is scheduled for Monday evening, September 25, 1989. Representatives will be on hand to discuss this situation with the Troop. It is important that you give every possible consideration to coming to the Troop meeting with your son.

I am certain that your Troop Committee is doing everything in its power to effectively guarantee that the Troop will continue to be a positive force in the community, and in the lives of our boys.

If, for any reason, you wish to discuss this matter, please feel free to call me or a member of my staff, your Troop Committee Chairman, or the West Allis Police Department ([REDACTED]).

Enclosure: "It Shouldn't Hurt To be A Child"



# Boy Scout leader is charged

By DAVID DOEGE  
Sentinel staff writer

A suspended Boy Scout leader was charged in Milwaukee and Waukesha Counties Wednesday with sexually assaulting two boys in his troops.

Authorities are investigating whether other alleged incidents may have occurred while the man was with Scouts in Waukesha, Milwaukee and Adams Counties, Milwaukee County Asst. Dist. Atty. Gale G. Shelton said.

Gerald William Kummer, 41, of West Allis, was charged in separate criminal complaints with second-degree sexual assault. Authorities listed two different addresses for Kummer.

One assault allegedly occurred in 1988 on a camping expedition in Waukesha County, and the other last month in the man's mother's home while a Scout was visiting him.

"Some of these kids are from broken and troubled homes," Shelton said. "A couple of these kids really looked up to him.

"They were especially vulnerable."

James L. Roberts, executive director of the Milwaukee County Council of the Boy Scouts of America, said Kummer has been suspended since Sept. 6, when another Scouting official became suspicious of Kummer's activities.

Roberts said Kummer was suspended for violating a Scouting rule that prohibits adult leaders from developing one-on-one relationships with Scouts.

Roberts then contacted police. So did the other Scouting official, who allegedly was threatened by Kummer for turning him in.

The man told police he had received reports from Scouts that Kummer had shared sleeping bags with boys, showered with them, provided them alcohol and arranged private camping trips with them, according to court records.

"It's terrible for the children that are involved and we're just sick about it," Roberts said.

The complaints said:

The first incident occurred sometime in October 1988 when Kummer and another adult were camping with Scouts at the Indian Mound Boy Scout Camp in the Town of Summit.

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While sharing a sleeping bag with a Scout, then 14, in a tent, Kummer allegedly touched him indecently. The boy said he told Kummer to stop, then climbed out of the sleeping bag and got dressed.

The boy said he didn't report the matter at the time because he was confused.

"Mr. Kummer was a very good friend of mine," the boy said. "He helped me through many of the family problems I was having, which made me believe I could trust him and he was there for me."

During another outing about 10 months later, "a similar but worse incident occurred which made me believe that his actions were not an accident, but intentional," the boy said.

The Milwaukee County incident occurred in mid-August when a 15-year-old Scout visiting Kummer at his mother's home was touched indecently.

That Scout also told authorities Kummer had touched him indecently on other occasions.

More than 50 Scouts were in the West Allis troop in which Kummer was involved.

Showing favoritism toward certain Scouts is strictly prohibited by the Scouting organization to prevent the potential for abuse, Roberts said.

A program designed to instruct leaders on prohibited behavior prompted the other leader to report Kummer, Roberts said.

Roberts said Kummer will be permanently banned from Scouting activities if he is convicted.

Journal Waukesha County bureau

**Waukesha** — A Boy Scout leader charged with sexual assaults in Waukesha and Milwaukee Counties of two boys in his West Allis troop was suspended from Scout work as soon as the incidents came to light earlier this month.

Gerald W. Kummer, 41, of [redacted], West Allis, was charged Wednesday in Waukesha County with one count of second-degree sexual assault. He also has been charged in Milwaukee County in connection with an incident in mid-August on the South Side. Both incidents are alleged to have involved 15-year-old boys.

Waukesha

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## Scouts suspended troop leader

Journal Waukesha County bureau

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Gerald W. Kummer, 41, of [redacted], West Allis, was charged Wednesday by the Waukesha County district attorney's office with one count of second-degree sexual assault.

Kummer is accused in that incident of indecently touching a 15-year-old Scout while on a camping trip at the Indian Mound Boy Scout Camp in the Town of Summit in 1988.

James L. Roberts, executive director of the Milwaukee County Council of the Boy Scouts, said Wednesday that he had suspended Kummer earlier this month, pending the outcome of the criminal case.

The Milwaukee County charge stems from an incident in mid-August at the South Side home of Kummer's mother. A criminal complaint says Kummer was in the same bed with a 15-year-old troop member and touched him indecently.

The boy told investigators that on previous occasions Kummer had rubbed his body up against him lasciviously, the complaint says. Kummer was not charged on those allegations.

Under Scout rules, Roberts said,

two or more adults should always be present on camping trips or other activities when Scouts are present. Kummer had violated that rule, he said.

Roberts added that the Boy Scouts had an intensive child protection program for Scout leaders, and that continuing efforts were being made to prevent leaders from taking advantage of Scouts.

According to the Waukesha County complaint, Kummer was scoutmaster of Troop 16 in West Allis. Kummer and the youth slept together in the same bag after Kummer had failed to bring the youth a sleeping bag, the complaint says. The youth told police that the following morning Kummer tickled him and touched him indecently.

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## MILWAUKEE COUNTY COUNCIL BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

September 20, 1989

TO: Leaders and Parents of Boy Scout Troop 16

FROM: James L. Roberts, Council Scout Executive

A matter of great concern to us all has come up, that I believe calls for a quiet and open relationship between Scouting and you; as well as between the parents and children involved in Troop 16. Because of the size of your Troop, I believe the best way for me to communicate with you is by this letter.

Late in August, 1989, at least three members of the Troop Committee, came to me with concern over the fact that several of the standard, and well-known rules and practices followed by Scout Troops were not being followed in Troop 16. They asked for the council's help in verifying these concerns, and in trying, through training or other action as necessary, to assure that Troop 16 was operated in full compliance with Boy Scouts of America practices. Several members of my staff became involved with the key leadership of your Troop Committee, and proceeded to follow through on the concerns.

Further review resulted in the leadership of the Milwaukee County Council taking action to suspend the Scoutmaster of Troop 16. This was done on September 6, 1989. The action was taken based solely on Scouting rule violations and without any specific information of harmful activity involving children.

We have subsequently learned that the West Allis Police Department is conducting an investigation that has led to at least two charges of Second Degree Sexual Assault having been filed against the former Scoutmaster. The investigation continues at this time.

It is very important to Scouting that the welfare of each child be uppermost in our minds. I am convinced that the police have this attitude in their efforts. I hope that you will want to gently discuss this matter with your son. In talking with several parents over the last 24 hours, they have requested that I send this letter to you, and that we all be aware that our Scouts are speculating openly on this situation.

One fact that is certain, is that the Child Protection Training program of the Boy Scouts of America is designed to create a situation whereby these kinds of problems are exposed. If these charges prove to be true, then the Child Protection effort, will have worked in the prevention of any future damage. Obviously, our concern, now, is for those who may need our immediate help. While the investigation is ongoing, and we don't yet know how many Scouts have been involved, it is important that we deal in the truth and not in speculation or rumor.

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